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(CIP) Currents in Practice	(HC) Home Care	(PC) Pain Control	(VS) Vital Signs
(CN) Clinical News	(IC) Infection Control	(PCP) Primary Care Protocol	(WW) Washington Watch
(CS) Clinical Savvy	(IU) Issues Update	(PT) Patient Teaching	(WWP) Working with People
(DWD) Dealing with Death	(LS) The Legal Side	(RFP) Research for Practice	
(E) Editorial	(ME) Med Errors	(SA) Substance Abuse	

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